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HB 5537

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Kristen Urso-Rio from Sandy Hook, CT and we are seeking to add expansion language to the following bill: *House Bill 5537, An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Revisions to the Public Health Statutes.*

The Connecticut Naturopathic Physicians Association (CNPA) is going to testify this Friday, March 14th to the Legislature about updating, modernizing, and expanding the Naturopathic Scope of Practice. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS. Our scope expansion includes three elements: 1) Prescriptive authority for a defined list of drugs; 2) Authority to write orders for medical devices and durable medical equipment; and 3) Ability to perform minor procedures in-office.

These changes are necessary for the people of Connecticut in order to:

- improve healthcare access
- improve healthcare continuity
- improve coordination of care
- meeting primary care needs
- enhanced education and training
- consistency with ND scope across states
- cost and time savings to patients and 3rd party payers

Please help us make this change!

Thank you,

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